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MANAGERS AND OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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Manufacture.

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OFFICERS.

Superintendent,
C. F. FRASER.

Teachers.
LITERATURE—MISS MAGGIE McN. MACKENZIE.
MUSIC—C. F. FRASER.

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DR. A. W. H. LINDSAY.

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DR. S. DODGE.

Dental Surgeon.
DR. A. C. COGSWELL.

VISITING DAY—WEDNESDAY, 3 P. M.

Halifax School for the Blind.

For the founding of this Institution a debt of gratitude is due by the people of this Province to the late WILLIAM MURDOCH, Esq., who died in London in 1863, having a few years previously taken up his residence there, after a long, useful, and successful life as a merchant in this city. In his will he bequeathed in addition to the various other charities, the munificent sum of £5,000 N. S. Cy., toward the endowment of an Asylum for the Blind, on condition that a suitable building would be secured at a cost of not less than £3,000. An amount was raised by subscription shortly after his decease, sufficient for this purpose, and an eligible site having been procured gratuitously from the City on the South Common, arrangements were at once made, and a suitable brick building was erected, capable of accommodating about forty pupils.

As a Report of the Directors, lately submitted to the Annual Meeting, is annexed, it is unnecessary to make further remarks than to express the hope that the blessing of God may attend this Institution, and that it may do all the good that the benevolent founder had in view in his kindly endeavors to increase the happiness and usefulness of this hitherto neglected class of our fellow-beings in this Province.

HALIFAX, January, 1886.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Managers of the Institution for the Blind.

NOW THE

"HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND."

1885.

When a good ship freighted with living souls and precious cargo arrives in due course at the end of her voyage, and in answer to the inquiries of dear friends, the simple reply comes back *all is well*, a feeling of relief and thankfulness is experienced, though no very marked or strange adventure has been recorded, affecting captain, crew, or passengers. So the officers and managers of this Institution, at the close of another year, are happy in meeting its many friends in town and country, under the blessing of God, with the same assuring words, all is well. The school continues its line upon line, precept upon precept, imparting at least a good foundation in the general principles of education common to all our teaching institutions throughout the Province, and in addition training its pupils in such industries as are best fitted for their special condition. Would it be too presumptuous to ask those educationists who are warmly discussing the introduction of industrial teaching into our public school system, to drop in and see their theory already reduced to practice.

The workshop is now turning out, in addition to cane-seating, etc., a variety of fancy and useful baskets and toys

made of willow, which is an industry admirably adapted to the capacity of the blind, and one eminently fitted to assist them in self-maintenance when thrown upon their own resources.

In music, ever occupying a foremost place with us, another step in advance is much needed. We have five practicing pianos; these are all in constant use from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and yet the cry is for more. One or two more instruments we must have and that soon. The very best should be made of the few precious years during which these boys and girls are confided to our care. Who will be the first to come to our aid in this matter? Could not one of our many congregations of God's people take it up? The Government grant cannot do it.

For our tuners we want very much, models of all the leading makers of pianos in ordinary use; we have no funds to get them.

We will pass very lightly over dissecting maps, globes, books, etc., reserving them for a future occasion, as we do not wish to alarm our friends by asking too much at once. We should have spent between our vocal classes and gymnasium one hundred and eighty dollars more than was expended, had it not been for exceptional circumstances. This additional amount will be required the ensuing year.

We have every confidence that our Provincial Legislature will increase the grant per pupil from one hundred and twenty dollars as it stands now to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum. We have also some reason to hope that the Governments of our sister Provinces, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, will raise their grants to one hundred and fifty dollars per pupil. At that it will still be the most economical school for the blind on this continent. It may be as well to note here that Mr. D. Reid, a graduate of our own school, is teacher in tuning, and a better one we could not have.

The loan fund, now complete, stands at one thousand dollars, under the management of Mr. Fraser it is materially helping our graduates in making a start in the world.

Our pupils as a class are not quite as robust as other young people. This is one of the special obstacles we have to contend

with. In this school every care is taken of their health, and every possible facility afforded for out and indoor exercise. It may be a satisfaction to parents and friends that all the inmates have been carefully vaccinated.

We again place upon record the high value we place upon the services of our indefatigable superintendent, C. F. Fraser. Should he leave us, we could not get a man so eminently endowed for the position, certainly not without a considerable advance on the modest salary our present finances afford.

Miss McKenzie still occupies the position of teacher of Literature, discharging her duties to the entire satistaction of the Board.

Mr. Nodwell's engagement will soon terminate; after which the workshop will be again under the care of our old friend and graduate Mr. Baird.

We again cordially thank Dr. A. W. H. Lindsay, attending physician, Dr. Stephen Dodge, the ophthalmic physician, and Dr. A. C. Cogswell, dental surgeon, for their gratuitous services during the past year.

Mrs. Blair, the matron, kind, sympathetic and active as ever, is still with us; also Mr. Blair, as steward.

The treasurer's account, duly audited, is presented showing that notwithstanding the close expenditure of the past year, and the amount short paid in music and gymnasium, there is little or no surplus to carry forward to the next year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Managers of "The Halifax School for the Blind":

GENTLEMEN,—The education of the blind is now recognized by all enlightened States as an important part of the Public Educational System; but too frequently, the provision that is made for it is so meagre that it frustrates the design in view, and renders the expenditure practically useless. Economy in the education of the blind is a false economy, and sooner or later this must become evident to those interested in the work of their education in different parts of the world. That school of the blind which cannot insure for its intelligent graduates an independent livelihood, is most assuredly not fulfilling its mission; and the fault must lie either in the mal-administration of its internal affairs, or in the lack of adequate pecuniary support. The cost of carrying on an institution of this character cannot be compared with that of any other educational establishment; its requirements differ essentially from those of ordinary schools, and the peculiar methods employed for imparting instruction bear no comparison in cost to those in vogue in public schools. The Halifax school has, in proportion to its means, done more for the blind youth of the Maritime Provinces than could reasonably be expected; but the work has been hindered in almost every department by the economical line with which it is circumscribed. This was pointed out by the Board of Managers in the Fourteenth Annual Report and an application was made to the legislature for an increase in the Provincial and Municipal grants. The Government expressed their willingness to give the matter their favourable consideration, but owing to the press of business it was allowed to lie over until the next meeting of the legislature. I trust that your Board will urge upon the Government the necessity that exists for making the increase for which you ask and that the Government and legislature will deal with the question in a manner becoming liberal statesmen.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Pupils registered Dec. 1st, 1884	17	11	28
Entered during the year	0	1	1
" adults, workmen	0	0	0
Re-entered	1	0	1
Graduated, or remained at home	5	1	6
Pupils registered Dec. 1st, 1885	13	11	24

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

The work of this department calls for no special comment; the Quarterly and Terminal Examinations, the public exercises, as well as the several examinations held before the Committees of the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, have fully demonstrated the aptitude of our pupils for acquiring and crystalizing the knowledge imparted to them. We recognize that the best capital of a blind person is his or her brains, and that in developing these we are laying the best foundation for their success in life. It affords me much pleasure to record the fact that Mr. E. P. Fletcher, one of our graduates, has matriculated and entered upon his regular course as a student in Acadia College.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

This department, always most popular with our pupils, may be regarded as the main-stay of the school; since the majority of those who graduate from this Institution, utilize the knowledge gained in it while here. Ten years ago people were incredulous as to the teaching capabilities of a person deprived of sight; but time has served to efface the erroneous impression then existing, and our graduates now go forth feeling confident that a field in which to labour can be found without difficulty. Simon Merry and Miss Jane Gillis graduated from this department at the close of the last school year. The former writing from Liverpool, N. S., says: "I have already secured a first-rate class of music pupils. Beside those taking lessons on the piano, I have several cabinet organ and singing pupils. I am glad that you made me a general teacher, as it enables me to get a larger class than I otherwise would." Such an expression from one who has passed through the regular musical course in this school is the best testimony as to the efficiency of the work carried out in the Institution. A new and much needed piano has been added to the stock of musical instruments.

Pupils receiving instruction in Music.

Piano-forte	19
Cabinet Organ	2
Musical Notation in point system	10
" " staff "	6
Choir	17
Piano tuning	6

TUNING DEPARTMENT.

This department has been placed under the management of Mr. D. M. Reid, a former graduate of the Institution. Mr. Reid has had six years of practical experience as a pianoforte tuner in Charlottetown, P. E. I. He is familiar with the mechanism of all kinds of pianos now in use. His testimonials from those for whom he has done work are of the most satisfactory character and his abilities as an instructor are unquestioned. Six young men are now being trained as pianoforte tuners under his direction. I shall ask your Board at an early day to purchase for this department a set of models illustrative of the piano actions used by different makers. All persons desiring to have their pianofortes tuned and put in order are requested to leave their orders at this Institution.

WORK DEPARTMENT.

Recognizing the importance of this department, I have for many years carefully studied and examined into those trades best adapted for the blind. In Norwegian Institutions the males are taught the trade of boot and shoe-making; in the German, Holland and Belgium schools the manufacture of rope is the chief industry; while in France, netting and wood-turning are the principal handicrafts in which instruction is given. In the British Institutions willow-work, mattress and brush-making are taught successfully, and the American schools, in addition to several of the trades already named, broom-making, carpet-weaving and chair-seating are carried on. The selection of suitable trades depends largely upon the country, or section of the country, in which the Institution is located; and, bearing this in mind, it will be found that the manufacture of willow-work is better adapted than any of the other trades named, to those among the blind who intend making their homes in the Maritime Provinces. The material for willow-work can be grown in the Provinces; the ware meets with ready sale, and machinery cannot be employed in its production; these are the reasons which have induced us to introduce the trade into this school, and each year we become more convinced that the expenditure will prove advantageous to the industrial blind. The Work Department under the efficient management of A. D. Baird is doing well. Mr. W. Nodwell, who has been giving instruction in willow-work, will shortly sever his connection with the Institution, when Mr. Baird will take sole charge of our workshops.

GIRLS' WORK DEPARTMENT.

The instruction in this department is of an eminently practical character. Undoubtedly our girls can be taught many kinds of fancy work, but experience proves that a knowledge of the sewing and knitting needles is in the end more advantageous to them. The girls' work-class receives instruction between the hours of two and four daily, and while at work the pupils are read to aloud from interesting and instructive books.

HEALTH.

The general average of the health of our pupils has been somewhat below that of former years; but this is due mainly to constitutional weakness, with which it is difficult to cope. Two of our pupils are now at home on sick leave, and I might say that three young children, who were to have been enrolled as new pupils during the present year, have been obliged to postpone entering the school on account of ill-health. The pupils at present in attendance are free from sickness.

LOAN FUND.

This fund now amounts to $982.07. $600 of which has been safely invested, $240 has been loaned to deserving graduates, $50 has been expended in the purchase of willow-work tools, and the remainder $92.57 has been placed in the bank to the credit of the President of the Board of Managers and the Superintendent of the school, who are trustees of the fund.

CLOSING.

It is a constant source of regret that more parents do not avail themselves of the provision made by the Provincial Government for giving to their blind children a free and practical education; and yet no efforts have been spared to advertize the Institution and to make its true character understood. We send each year 1200 copies of our Annual Reports broadcast throughout the Maritime Provinces. These are copied and commented upon by the daily and weekly newspaper in the city and country. The prospectus of the school, circulars to clergymen, physicians and legislators, have been sent out by thousands. The country has been flooded with advertisements of concerts and lectures given for the benefit of the Institution,

and yet, withal, it seems impossible to find out the whereabouts of those for whom the school has been founded. Blind children are as a rule kept in the back-ground by their parents, and their very existence is frequently unknown save to the most intimate neighbours of the family. I have frequently received answers from those to whom circulars of enquiry have been sent stating that no person deprived of sight lived in their respective localities, while as a matter of fact I was in many instances personally aware of the existence of blind children in the immediate neighborhood of the writers. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that we find it difficult to obtain reliable information respecting the blind youth of the three Lower Provinces. This report will be read by many who can fully appreciate the difficulty to which we refer; and we would respectfully ask all such persons to aid us in the work in which we are engaged, by making in their different localities a house to house visitation to ascertain whether or not there are any blind children in the district. In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to thank you for your continued courtesy and friendliness to myself and staff of co-workers.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. F. FRASER, *Superintendent.*

SCHOOL RECORD.

Number of school days in the term, 240. Possible number of marks to be obtained in the Literary or Musical department, or for deportment, 1000.

	Names of Pupils.	Literary.	Music.	Deportment.
	Senior Division.			
1.	Maggie Duke, Richibucto, N. B.	918	953	1000
2.	Mary Elwood, Halifax, N. S.	879	914	1000
3.	Minnie Corbin, Chester, N. S.	876	963	895
4.	Isabell Staten, Foreston, Carleton, N. B.	855	885	935
5.	James Butler, Barrington, N. S.	883	912	922
6.	Charles Cole, St. John, N. B.	..	..	920
7.	Willie Collins, St. John, N. B.	832	893	916
8.	Martin Fletcher, DeBert, N. S.	896	999	895
9.	Amos McNeil, Georgetown, P. E. I.	740	764	895
10.	Murdock Morrison, Stellarton, N. S.	832	800	898
11.	John Rafuse, Chester, N. S.	839	934	901
12.	Robert Newcomb, Cornwallis, N. S.	849		947
13.	Simon Merry, Maitland, Annapolis, N. S.	..	994	950
14.	Ainslie Shaw, Musquodoboit, N. S.	910	..	1000
15.	George Theakston, Halifax, N. S.	702	755	923
16.	Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, P. E. I.	825	848	885
	Junior Division.			
17.	Phœbe Armstrong, Kempt, Hants Co., N. S.	731	747	997
18.	Alice Gammon, Guysboro' Co., N. S.	898	802	1000
19.	Janie Gillis, Antigonish Co., N. S.	909	881	1000
20.	Bertha Hall, Annapolis Co., N. S.	897	898	998
21.	Maggie Newcomb, Shoal Bay, N. S.	906	896	915
22.	Hattie Smith, Walton, Hants Co., N. S.	795	673	996
23.	Agnes Valley, Chatham, N. B.	898	880	910
24.	John Dunn, Advocate Harbor, N. S.	877	715	974
25.	John Hawboldt, Marie Joseph, N. S.	806	683	994
26.	Stephen Harivel, Stellarton, N. S.	937	734	931

Adult Workmen.

Joseph Cook, Portland, N. B.

Pupils entered during the Year.

Henry Brunt, Harrietsfield, N. S.
Clifford Willeston, Newcastle, N. B.

Graduated or Left during the Year.

Simon Merry, Maitland, Annapolis Co., N. S.
Charles Cole, Fredericton, N. B.
Amos McNeil, Alberton, P. E. I.
Robert Newcombe, Kentville, N. S.
Janie Gillis, Antigonish, N. S.

PRIZES.

Literary Department.

Senior Division

1st Prize—Maggie Duke, Richibucto Co., N. B.
2nd Prize—Ainslie Shaw, Musquodoboit, N. S.

Junior Division.

1st Prize—Stephen Harivel, Stellarton, N. S.
2nd Prize—Janie Gillis, Antigonish, N. S.

Musical Department.

1st Prize—Simon Merry, Maitland, Annapolis, N. S.
2nd Prize—Minnie Corbin, Chester, Halifax Co., N. S.

Boys Work Department.

Divided prizes—Charles Cole, St. John, N. B., and Robert Newcombe, Cornwallis, N. S.

WALKING CLUBS.

Physical exercise is an absolute necessity for these pupils. Unable to engage in the recreations common to ordinary people, walking is almost the only exercise they can enjoy. In order to encourage and ensure this, walking clubs are organized—two formed of boys and two of girls. The boys are expected to walk five miles a day and the girls three miles. Following is the record for seven weeks:

First Club.

	No. of miles.	
Minnie Corbin	126	
Isabel Staten	126	
Maggie Newcombe	126	
Phœbe Armstrong	121¾	
Bertha Hall	35½	—Total, 535¼ miles.

Second Club.

Janie Gillis	126	
Mary Elwood	126	
Hattie Smith	126	
Agnes Valley	126	
Alice Gammon	126	—Total, 630 miles.

Third Club.

Montague Warren	161½	
Ainslie Shaw	205	
John Hawboldt	210	
Amos McNeil	178	—Total, 754½ miles.

Fourth Club.

Martin Fletcher	184½	
Stephen Harivel	205	
Murdock Morrison	210	
John Dunn	205½	—Total, 805 miles.

Grand Total.....2724¾ miles.

HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND,

In acct. with E. D. MEYNELL, Treasurer.

DR.

1884. Dec. 13.	To Balance due Bank Nova Scotia	$ 225 50
1885. Dec. 12.	" Paid house expenses, including salaries to Steward, Matron, and Servants.	2772 39
	" Paid salaries to Superintendent and Teachers	1280 00
	" Repairs and Alterations of Building	543 63
	" Grounds	11 00
	" Printing, Stationary and Postage	81 24
	" Instruction in Singing and Musical Instruments	79 80
	" Prizes	18 00
	" Sundries	101 08
	" Halifax Banking Co., on deposit	100 00
	" Materials for manufacture in workshop	65 86
	" Balance	1 05
		$5279 55
	To unpaid bills	$ 102 49

CR.

1885. Dec. 12.	By Interest and Dividends		$1432 52
	" Manufactures sold		135 72
	" Donations		257 31
	" Grant—P. E. Island Government	$ 200 00	
	" " New Brunswick Government—bal. '84.	120 00	
	" " New Brunswick, '85.	720 00	
	" " Nova Scotia—County and Gov't	2246 00	
			3286 00
	" Legacy late Jas. Thomson		100 00
	" Proceeds of Concert, per R. A. & R. E.		68 00
			$5279 55

Examined and found correct.

GEO. THOMSON, GEO. MITCHELL, } *Auditors.*

HALIFAX, *12th Dec'r, 1885.*

[E. & O. E.]

E. D. MEYNELL, *Treasurer.*

PATRONS.

By-Laws, Art. 1.—The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a Patron of the Institution.

William Cunard, Esq

LIFE MEMBERS.

By-Laws, Art. 2.—Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall be constituted life members of the Association.

Sir Edward Kenny.
His Lordship Bishop Binney.
Sir William Young.
W. J. Stairs.
J. Duffus.
William Hare.
Edward Albro.
Hon. J. W. Ritchie.
Hon. D. McN. Parker.
John Doull.
John Stairs.
Adam Burns.
Wm. Esson.
J. B. Bland.
John Bauld.
John Gibson.
James Scott.
Daniel Cronan.
J. Seeton.
R. B. Seeton.
James F. Avery.
G. C. Harvey.
Geo. H. Starr.
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B. D. Fraser, Esq., M. D.
S. A. White.
Chas. Robson.
F. W. Chipman.
W. H. Neal.
John Silver.
John S. Maclean.
W. Fraser.
H. N. Paint.
P. Lynch.
T. V. Woolrich.
W. H. Newman.
J. B. Elliot.
W. H. Creighton.
T. E. Everett.
D. Falconer.
H. P. Burton.
Capt. Lowry, 47th Regt.
Hon. John Boyd.
George Thomson.
M. H. Richey.
J. C. Mackintosh.
M. A. Buckley.
James R. Lithgow.
Sir Patrick McDougall, K. C. B.
Lt. Thos. A. W. Cochrau, R. N.
George Mitchell.
H. H. Fuller.

MEMBERS.

By-Laws, Art. 2.—Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards, may be constituted a member, on motion of a member of the Board of Managers, at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during the annual payment of five dollars.

Hon. L. E. Baker.
Dr. A. P. Reid.
Miss C. H. Black.
Mrs L. A. Wilmot.
Mrs. B. Barnes.
Prof. W. J. Alexander.
" Jas. G. MacGregor.
Prof. Johnson.
Mrs. Northup.
James Farquhar.
Sir H. W. Hoyles.
Hon. S. Creelman.
Mrs. W. S. Sterling.
G. H. Perkins.

LEGACIES.

1871—Jane Molloy	$ 88 87
1872—Robt. Noble	100 00
1874—R. Purvis	100 00
1875—Jas. McDonald	150 00
1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge	20 00
1876—N. L. West	800 00
1877—J. M. Walker	500 00
1878—W. L. Black	250 00
1879—Chas. Roche	100 00
1879—Miss Service	400 00
1880—Mrs. Williamson	200 00
1880—G. Freize	100 00
Ann Wilson	$100 00
1881—Ann Hunter	20 00
1882—John Saunders	416 36
John King	600 00
W. P. West	1000 00
1883—Jos. Hart	100 00
Mrs. G. Dunn	40 00
1884—Hugh Elliot	100 00
Alex. McLeod	100 00
1885—Jas. Thomson	100 00
H. Hesslein	100 00

FORM OF LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "the Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate) all that, etc., (if personal), the sum of etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution.

DONATIONS.

Mrs. Northup	$ 10 00
Jas. Farquhar	5 00
Sir H. W. Hoyles	5 00
Sir William Young	20 00
A. P. Reid, M. D.	5 00
Bishop Binney	10 00
Profs. W. J. Alexander	5 00
" Jas. MacGregor	5 00
Mrs. L. A. Wilmot	5 00
Hon. Prov. Secretary	$ 5 00
J. D. Scott	5 00
Prof. Johnson	5 00
Mrs. Lawrence	2 00
Admiral Sir J. C. Commerell	25 00
Jas. McGregor, Gays River	20 00
Proceeds of Concert per R. A. and R. E	68 00
A. Moffat	2 00

DONATIONS TO LOAN FUND.

A Friend, New Glasgow.....	$ 1 00	Miss McNeil, Shubenacadie. .	5 00
Church of England Con., P. O. Box 171, by Rev. G. Morris, Maitland	6 00	J. G. McGregor.	5 00
		Per Miss McIlwreath, Antigonish.	13 00

THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS, ETC., 1885.

Christ's Church Cong., Windsor.....	$ 5 00
Presbyterian Church, Malagawatch, per Rev. A. McMillan.....	2 50
Collection at Prayer Week, Yarmouth, per. G. M. Ewan.....	18 55
Lochaber and Union Centre, Antigonish, per Rev. J. F. Forbes.....	2 00
Part Thanksgiving Collection, at Clifton, Colchester Co.....	10 00
Union Prayer Meeting, per J. K. Blair.....	40 00
St. John's Church, Halifax, Thanksgiving, per Jas. Farquhar.....	14 34
Methodist Church, Bear River.....	4 34
United Church, New Glasgow	66 00
Kirk Church, Scotsburn, per J. W. Fraser.....	8 00
Methodist Congregation, Centerville, Bedeque, P. E. I., per J. Pascoe....	5 00
Presbyterian Congregation, North Earltown, per D. McKenzie	3 00
Union Meeting Wolfville, per Rev. R. J. Wallace.....	5 00
Presbyterian Cong., Malagawatch, & River Dennis, per Rev. A. McMillan.	4 00

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

OF THE

Halifax School for the Blind.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

This Association shall, conformably to the Amended Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 50 be styled, "The Halifax School for the Blind."

Article II.—Membership.

All original subscribers to the fund for erecting the Asylum for the Blind within the City of Halifax shall be and continue members of this Association so long as they contribute the sum of one dollar or upwards to the support of the Institution.

Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards may be constituted a member of the Board of Managers at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during his annual payment of five dollars.

Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive year, shall thereby be constituted life members of the Association.

Payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a patron of the Association.

Patrons and Members shall have the right of voting at the annual election of Managers, and shall themselves be eligible.

Article III.—Management.

The Management of the Institution shall be entrusted to a Board of twelve members, who shall choose from their own number a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

An annual meeting for the election of the Board of Management shall be held on such day of the second week of the last month of the year as the Board of Managers may appoint, due notice thereof being given in two at least of the Halifax newspapers. Any number of persons present in a half-hour from the time named in such notice shall be a quorum for the election

of Managers, and the transaction of any business to be passed upon at such annual meeting; but any five members then present may, if they shall deem the business to require it, demand an adjournment to some other day or hour within one week therefrom, and the same shall stand adjourned accordingly, and the business so postponed shall at first adjourned meeting be first taken up and finally disposed of.

If for any reason the election of Managers be, pursuant to the foregoing provision or otherwise, postponed, the Managers of the preceding year shall hold office until the new Board be elected.

The Board of Managers shall have power to supply vacancies occurring therein between the periods of the annual elections.

At the annual meeting the votes shall be taken by ballot, and the first twelve persons named on a list made in the order of the number of votes given for them respectively, beginning with the largest number of votes and so on to the least, shall constitute the Board of Managers.

Article IV.—By-Laws, &c.

The power of making, amending and repealing by-laws, and regulations for their own guidance and the government of the Institution, and the appointment and removal of all officers, and regarding salaries and allowances, is vested in the Board of Management, but no by-law once passed shall be altered or repealed except on a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at a regular monthly meeting thereof, and after notice of such alteration or repeal given at next preceding monthly meeting.

Article V.—Amendments.

The foregoing articles, together with the provisions contained in the Act of Incorporation, are declared to be the Constitution of the "Halifax School for the Blind," and no alteration shall be made therein except by a vote of two-thirds of the persons present at an annual meeting of the Corporation upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, of which at least one month's notice in writing shall have been given to the Patrons and Members individually, by letter addressed to the Patron or Member, and mailed at Halifax, or left at his place of business or abode.

BY-LAWS.

BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETINGS.

I.—Stated Meetings.

The Board shall hold a stated meeting at the Institution on the first Monday of every month, except when such Monday shall fall on a public holiday, then on the day following, and at any such hours as they may from time to time appoint.

II.—Special Meetings.

Special Meetings may be convened by request of the President or three members of the Board, the time, place, and object to be specified in such request, and inserted in the notice of meeting by the Secretary.

At least twenty-four hours notice of special meeting shall be given, and no business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted.

Quorum.

Five of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

IV.—Presiding Officer.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he may be present, and shall be *ex officio* member of all standing committees. In his absence the Vice-President shall represent him, as well on standing committees as at the Board. In the absence of both President and Vice-President from any meeting of the Board, the chair shall be taken by the first named on the list of Managers present at the hour for commencing business.

V.—Committees.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Managers at the first meeting in each year :—

(1) *Finance*—

A Committee of Finance, consisting of the President, Treasurer and four members of the Board, whose duty it shall be to devise and recommend ways and means for securing and preserving the financial prosperity of the Institution, to examine and certify the correctness of the Treasurer's annual report, and at the end of every year prepare and submit a full and clear report of the financial condition of the Institution.

Every Standing Committee shall from time to time furnish the Committee of Finance with such information as they may require, and particu-

larly before the close of every year with a full inventory of all the property in their respective departments.

(2) *Instruction*—

A Committee of Instruction, consisting of four members of the Board, who shall have supervision of the Educational Department, and shall enquire from time to time into the methods pursued in the instruction of the blind in other places.

(3) *Manufactures*—

A Committee of three on Manufactures to supervise the Manufacturing Department, supply that Department with raw material, and dispose of the articles manufactured.

(4) *House*—

A House Committee on supplies, repairs and improvements, to have supervision of all matters connected with the supply of provisions, clothing and other necessaries; the regulation of the domestic arrangements of the Institution, and care of the building and grounds.

(5) *General Duties*—

Each Standing Committee shall visit the Institution at least once a month and arrange for one of their number to do so weekly. They shall have the entire and conclusive control, subject only to the full Board, over the department allotted to them; shall keep a book at the Institution, in which all their proceedings shall be entered, and especially all requisitions, instructions and orders given to the Superintendent or other officers shall be clearly set down therein, for the prevention of any misunderstanding regarding the same. The Chairman shall be bound to see that the duties of his committee are in every respect fully performed, and shall furnish the Board whenever required with the minutes of their proceedings, and all other information required.

VI.—Duties of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities belonging to the Institution and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committee of Finance; shall deposit all moneys of the Institution, on receipt, in some Bank approved by the Managers, to the Credit of the Institution and pay by cheques drawn thereon all bills certified by the chairman of any Standing Committee. He shall present at every stated meeting in each year a full report for the year, and in such forms as the Board may prescribe.

VII.—Duties of the Corresponding Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Institution and submit the same at each stated meeting of the Board. He shall file at the Institution all letters received by him or the Board, and copies of all letters written by him, and keep the same under his charge for the exclusive use of the Board.

VIII.—Duties of the Recording Secretary.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and enter the same in a Book of Minutes ; shall prepare and issue all notices required in conducting the business of the Institution ; and communicate all resolutions of the Board to the Committee or officer affected thereby.

He shall have the custody of the seal, and use the same only as directed by the Board of Managers.

He shall see that all by-laws of the Institution are properly recorded in a book kept for that purpose, shall file at the Institution all reports and papers submitted to the Board or placed in his custody, and safely keep them for the exclusive use of the Board.

Whenever the Secretary is mentioned in any by-law, resolution or other proceedings, it shall mean the Recording Secretary.

In his absence the Manager shall appoint one of their number to act *pro tempore*.

IX.—Admission of Pupils.

(1) *General Terms*—

Young blind persons of good moral character between the ages of ten and twenty-one, may be admitted to the Institution in accordance with the provisions of the Acts in relation to the Education of the Blind, in Chap. 17, Act of 1882, and Amendment thereto, passed 1883, which shall entitle them to free education in the Institution. The pupils must furnish their own clothing, and pay their own fares to and from the Institution.

Their friends may visit them at reasonable times under the regulation of the Board.

(2) *Special Cases*—

The Board of Managers may receive special applications for the admission of pupils who are in indigent circumstances, and grant or refuse the same from time to time, as in their judgment may be consistent with the funds of this institution.

(3) *Day Scholars*—

The Board may, at their discretion, receive day scholars upon such terms and conditions as they may prescribe.

(4) *Forms &c.*—

Applications for admission must be addressed to the Recording Secretary, at the Asylum, and made upon the forms and in accordance with the directions prescribed by the Board.

AN ACT

IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:

1. The parents or guardian of any blind person between the age of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chap. 33 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 4th Series, a settlement within any County or District of the Provinces incorporated by Chap. 1, Statutes of 1879, may apply to the Warden of such Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which order the said Warden shall at once grant under his hand and the Corporate Seal of the Municipality on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the Municipality.

2. Such order shall entitle a blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind and subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age when entering the school shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years, and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3. For every blind person received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury at the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to which the said blind person belongs. When such Municipality shall not comprise an entire County, the last-mentioned grant of Sixty Dollars shall be charged against the County School Funds of both Districts included within the County in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the County School Fund.

4. It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5. In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasury of the respective Municipalities.

6. The Provincial Secretary shall be *ex officio*, a member of the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

7. In the case of any incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first Section of this Act has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum of Sixty Dollars per annum may be assessed upon the inhabitants of the said city or town, in case such city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said Managers for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the Chief Executixe Officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Taeasury, for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance the sum of Sixty Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ACTS OF 1882, ENTITLED: "AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND."

(Passed the 19th day of April, 1883.)

Section 1. Sec. 7 and clause substituted.

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows :

1. Section 7 of Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1882, is hereby repealed and the following substituted :

In the case of any incorporated city or town within the province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first section of the act, has a legal settlement, and which city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such city or town to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum an allowance of sixty dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such city or town for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum ; and each such blind person sent to the said Asylum shall be admitted to the said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first section of the act hereby amended. The chief executive officer of the corporation exercising the power therein conferred upon the Warden of the municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of sixty dollars in like manner as is provided in the third section of the Act hereby amended.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

Whereas, it has been proposed that an institution for the reception, maintenance and education of blind persons, should be established in the City of Halifax, and it is desirable that such institution should be founded and carried on by individual enterprise and voluntary association :

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. When it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor-in-Council, that not less than twelve persons have associated themselves for the above object, and subscribed the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and paid thereon into the the hands of the Treasurer, by them appointed, the sum of two thousand dollars, the Governor-in-Council shall, by proclamation, declare this Act to have come into operation, and thereupon immediately thereafter, such persons, and all such other persons as shall from time to time become associated with them, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby incorporated into a company and declared to be a body corporate by the name of the "The Halifax Asylum for the Blind," and by that name shall and may have succession and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, matters, complaints, and causes whatsoever, may have and use a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure, and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real and personal estate for the purposes of this incorporation, and none other, which shall not exceed the annual value of ten thousand dollars.

2. For the better carrying into effect the objects of the said incorporation, there shall annually be elected twelve persons, who shall constitute a Board of Managers who shall have power to conduct and manage all its concerns, the Managers to be elected by ballot at an annual meeting of the members of the Society, to hold their offices for one year, or until others be elected in their places ; the said election to be held at such times and places as the said corporation shall by their by-laws from time to time appoint and direct ; the aforesaid Managers shall be elected by a majority of the members present at such election ; and in case of any vacancy or vacancies in the said Board of Managers, by death, resignation or otherwise, then the said Board shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next annual election.

3. The Board of Managers shall as soon after the annual election as shall be convenient, proceed to elect by ballot, from among their own number a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and two Secretaries,

who shall serve for one year, or until others are elected in their room; and the first election of Managers and Officers shall take place on a day to be fixed by the Governor-in-Council, in the proclamation aforesaid.

4. The Board of Managers, so elected as aforesaid, shall have full power to make such by-laws as from time to time may be necessary, relative to the management, disposition of the estate and concerns of the said corporation, and regulations of the persons exercising the offices aforesaid, not contrary to law, and may appoint such agents and servants as may be deemed necessary to transact the business of the said corporation, and designate their duties.

5. It shall be lawful for the City of Halifax to transfer by deed duly executed to the "Halifax Asylum for Blind," either by way of gift or for valuable consideration, any land hereditaments now vested in the said City of Halifax, either by Act of this Province or by purchase, so that the value of such land and hereditaments shall not exceed in the whole the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

6. The Managers of the said Institution shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, make a full report to the Governor-in-Council of their proceedings.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

(Passed the 19th day of April, A. D. 1884.)

Whereas, It has been deemed advisable to change the name of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which was incorporated under that name by Chapter 50 of the Acts of the Province, passed in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven;

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. The Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be called and known as "The Halifax School for the Blind," which name shall be the corporate name of the Institution, and shall be used and have effect in all respects, and for all purposes as fully as if such name had been inserted in the original act of incorporation.

2. All gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devices, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions, to, by, with, for, or on account of the said institution before the passing of this Act, shall be, remain and continue and inure to the benefit of the said "The Halifax School for the Blind," as fully as though the name, "The Halifax School for the Blind," had been used or specified in said gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devises, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions.

3. The said Act, as hereby amended, shall stand and remain valid and effectual in all other respects.